

GRAVEFELT FRANCE HONORS AMERICA

Cornerstone Laying of Monument to U. S. War Aid Features Lafayette Birthday

MARKS TROOPS' LANDING

By the Associated Press Pointe de Grave, France, Sept. 6.—France paid lasting tribute today to America's active entry into the great war by laying the cornerstone of a monument here commemorating the landing on the spot of the first contingent of American troops in 1917.

Speeches by President Poincaré and Hugh C. Wallace, the American ambassador, were the chief features of the exercises.

Today was the birthday of Marquis De Lafayette, and the monument will mark the place from which he sailed to America 1777, and to which he returned five years later on board the American ship Alliance. It also will mark the spot where the first American troops to be landed in France left their ships in May, 1917.

President Poincaré in his speech called to America to continue that close relationship which caused the United States to come to the aid of France.

"In the plains of Picardy, Lorraine and Champagne by the side of 1,400,000 which the war has mown down," said he, "sleep your Americans whose mothers do not know their tombs. They all sacrificed to the same ideal the French died for."

"Let us bend down over these tombs and listen. It is the same voice which everywhere arises from the depths of the earth. 'We have suffered,' they say, in order that the world should become free. To you now falls the duty to watch that never again may rear up this danger which we have removed. Do not allow France and America to estrange themselves one from the other. Side by side the peoples who have won the war will be strong enough to make such war impossible."

American Ambassador Wallace said the monument would be "a victory and liberty."

NEW YORK HONORS LAFAYETTE'S MEMORY

New York, Sept. 6.—(By A. P.)—Ambassador Jusserand, of France, was the principal speaker at Franco-American exercises here today in New York's historic City Hall in commemoration of the 162d anniversary of the birth of Lafayette and the fifth anniversary of the first battle of the Marne.

Amid the impressive services, messages of felicitation and congratulation upon the victory of allied arms, which had been brought to pass since the last celebration by the Lafayette Day national committee, were read from President Poincaré, of France; General Pershing, Major General Wood and Secretary of State Lansing.

Representatives of a number of foreign governments were present at the ceremonies, which were held in the aldermanic chamber. Other speakers were Myron T. Herrick, former governor of Ohio and ex United States ambassador to France, and Dr. John H. Finley, state commissioner of education. The governments represented included, besides France and the United States, Great Britain, Canada, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Russia, Poland and Greece.

In the afternoon services were held at the Lafayette monument in Union Square, which were participated in by the Society of the Cincinnati, Sons of the Revolution, D. A. R., Society of the Colonial Wars and the Society of Founders and Patriots of America.

"To the people of the United States," read President Poincaré's message, "I send the greetings of the French republic and to the American soldiers the cordial remembrance of their brothers in arms, to the American mothers who have lost their sons on the battlefields of Europe the homage of my profound sympathy."

Ambassador Jusserand in his address said that "the war has now ended as it should" and that the peace which has been signed was not a peace of vengeance, but a peace of reparation and safety. He paid a touching tribute to the memory of Theodore Roosevelt, saying both nations mourned the absence of one man "and hearing no more a voice which on momentous occasions reached from one end of the world to the other, teaching men how to attain better days through courage, sense of duty and good citizenship—a voice now hushed forever."

"Touching upon Lafayette's devotion to the American cause and America's later response, he said:

"When Lafayette heard of American independence his heart enlisted. When you heard of the danger of France your hearts enlisted the severest claims of the widening of the limits of military aid for your population and the increase of war taxes passed by a unanimous vote in the two houses. Your

FRANCE INDOMITABLE

Showing Same Courage as in 1870. Declares Casenave

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 6.—(By A. P.)—France has "gone back to work with a spirit of virile courage, the spirit that never again was conquered so quickly after the war of 1870, and that paid an enormous debt so quickly as to gain the admiration of the world," according to Maurice Casenave, minister plenipotentiary and director general of the French Public Service. In an address here today at the celebration of the anniversary of Lafayette and the first battle of the Marne.

Mr. Casenave, who spoke at the City Club, said that the false legend of "a frivolous and corrupt France," which Marshal Joffre had destroyed by his victory of the Marne, had been succeeded by an equally false legend advanced by her enemies, that France was blind white beyond the hope of resurrection.

APPLY LEAGUE'S IDEA TO MEXICO, LABOR ADVISES

Federation Urges "Rule of Reason" in Negotiations Over Border Dispute

Washington, Sept. 6.—(By A. P.)—Application of the principles of the league of nations covenant to the Mexican situation has been endorsed by the American Federation of Labor, through its executive council, which issued a statement setting forth a stand taken by the council at its recent meeting here.

"Having just passed through a bitter struggle for the overthrow of autocracy and militarism and for the development of justice and democracy," the statement said, "having made tremendous sacrifices in the achievement of these ideals, and the United States being a leader in creating the present international league of nations, it is imperative that the principles involved in the peace treaty should be applied in the present situation between Mexico and the United States."

"We strongly urge that the rule of reason, fairness and justice shall prevail in the present negotiations and that the friendly relations between the people and the countries be maintained."

FAVOR BLANKET MANDATE

Harbord Finds Americans in Turkey Opposed to Localized U. S. Control

Constantinople, Sept. 1.—(By A. P.)—(Delayed)—The American mission, under Major General Harbord, to study the situation in the Near East, has arrived here and interest has increased respecting the possible acceptance by the United States of a mandate in Armenia, or of the Ottoman empire, including Constantinople, or as to whether Great Britain will share the burden.

American here do not favor blanket mandate giving military control of the railway routes between Bagdad and the Indian ocean, as planned by the Germans.

FLIRTS AS DEATH NEARS

Woman Enlivens Trial of Student Who Ordered Hostages' Death

Munich, Sept. 6.—(By A. P.)—The examination of the Bavarian Communist leaders, charged with the killing of hostages during the uprising last February, ended with the taking of the testimony of the last two of the defendants, Voelkel and a student named Peter Neier.

The last named evoked great interest on account of his relation with Lilli Tramer, a well known communist. She sat beside the defendant and openly flirted with him during the trial. He admitted that he received his orders to shoot hostages from Fritz Seidel, the former Bolshevik commander of the Leipziger High School, and transferred it to the lieutenant with his countersignature.

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AUSTRIA TO SIGN TREATY OF PEACE

Expects to Decide Formally Tomorrow on Acceptance of Allies' Terms

WEDNESDAY PROBABLE DATE

Paris, Sept. 6.—(By A. P.)—Dispatches today from Vienna indicated that the Austrians probably would formally decide tomorrow to accept the peace treaty. Chancellor Renner is expected to re-visit Paris immediately, in which case the treaty will be signed Wednesday morning, September 10, at St. Germain.

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The foregoing dispatch reporting Doctor Renner, who also is the Austrian chancellor, as having decided to sign the Austrian peace treaty comes in the face of numerous protests of the Austrian press against the treaty's terms. It seems in line, however, with having made on leaving St. Germain Tuesday night with the final draft of the treaty. He then declared that while he thought that Austria in his reply should protest against the terms of the territorial clauses in the treaty, the allied communications showed that the economic situation of Austria was understood perfectly well by the peace conferees and that a benevolent attitude had been adopted in this connection, which has appeared to the governing one in Austria's case.

The signing of the Austrian treaty, now indicated as near at hand, will go far toward completing the work of the Peace conference. The German treaty already having been disposed of, Austria will leave of the treaties with clearing up the former central powers only those with Bulgaria, Hungary and Turkey to be disposed of. The Bulgarian treaty has been virtually completed and is likely to be presented to the Bulgarian delegation within a week. The Hungarian treaty is not so far along, but it is not believed a lengthy period would be required to shape it once the Allies are satisfied of the permanence of the Hungarian Government.

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General Ludendorff Tells Why Germany Lost the War

Now that the embargo is off on imported facts, the Public Ledger offers its readers the information contained in General Ludendorff's personally written account of the German failure.

General Ludendorff who, as every one knows, planned and helped carry out practically all of the Central Powers' later offensives, left for Sweden after the signing of the armistice, carrying with him numerous files of data.

There, in the bitterness of defeat, he prepared an analysis of the German side of the war revealing among other things,

—That the "inner circle" realized after the first Marne defeat that ultimate failure was inevitable.

—That Germany lived in constant fear of Holland's forming an alliance with the Entente, thus threatening her with starvation.

—That America's entry into the war forced Hindenburg and Ludendorff to take control of the German Government.

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